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TODAY: The southern half of the UK will have gales. South-east England will have showers. The rest of England and Wales will have rain Southern Scotland and Northern Ireland vail. be wet, but northern Scotland will be brighter.

OUTLOOK: Tomorrow, most of England and Wales will be fine. Northern England, and Northern Ireland will have rain. On Saturday, rain will spread west, but the east will be dry







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ON THE UP: David Blunkett is set to launch a lucrative new career

Shamed Blunkett to make a fortune

DAVID Blunkett is

DAVID Blunkett is aiming to cash in after quitting in disgrace yesterday.

The Work and Pensions Secretary finally resigned following a storm over his business deals that broke Westminster rules Westminster rules.

Westminster rules.

His departure is his second resignation in 10 months, having quit as Home Secretary last December over a visa for his ex-lover's namy.

Defiant Mr Blunkett – still insisting he'd done nothing wrong – wants to cash in now he's force of Whitehell

wrong – wants to cash in now he's free of Whitehall SHOULD BLUNKETT GET A SECOND PAY OFF? strictions

restrictions.

He is plotting a new career as a £5,000-a-time after-dinner speaker, media pundit and troubleshooter for businesses and charities.

He has also



expected to earn far more than

expected to earn far more than his £130,347 ministerial salary. Mr Blunkett said yesterday: "I'm guilty of a mistake and am paying the price for it. I make no bones about saying that is my fault and I stand by it."

He then accused the BBC's Newsnight of "smears" and publicist Max Clifford, 62, of telling "complete lies" about his relationship with a blonde.

Mr Blunkett ruled out another ruled out another Government return but hopes to "play a part in public life".

He needs the

He needs the money because of his £100,000 legal battle with

plans to paternity test firm DNA Bloscience. The shares in paternity test firm DNA Bloscience. The shares which contributed to the scandal, will net his family up to £400,000. Mr Blunkett, 58, was going to give up his £15,000 stake because of Ministerial rules, but has changed his mind now he's out of the Government. He will also get a second resignation pay-off of £18,700, doubling the sum he earned after quitting the Home Office. In total, Mr Blunkett is

He also admitted yester-day to being late in regis-tering three speeches worth £20,000 with authorities. In the Commons, Tory leader Michael Howard, 64, taunted Mr Blair over his

taunted Mr Blair over his lack of authority.
He said: "For how long will this country have to put up with this lame duck Prime Minister, in office but not in power?"
Mr Blunkett keeps his 23m Government mansion while he looks for a new

London home and can keep his £100,000 Jag for now. The Star Says: Page 6 macer.hall@dailystar.co.uk

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DAVID Blunkett's replacement as Work and Pensions Secretary will be Deregulation Minister John Hutton.
The former law lecturer has been Mr Blunkett's chief defender during the scandal. Downing Street says his own replacement will be named next week. Mr Hutton, 50, was elected as an MP for Barrow and Furness in Cumbria in 1992 and served as a health minister from 1999 until May's election.
His challenges are to shake up the pensions system and cut benefits spending.



NEW ROLE: Hutton

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Duo's wacky ritual

DAVID Walliams and Matt
Lucas have revealed their
barmy behind-the-scenes
ritual to keep their Little
Britain tour on the road.

It includes gargling warm honey and
lemon daily – and tucking into bowls
of Marks & Spencer melon.

The company water having to sellout

of Marks & Spencer melon.

The comedy pair, playing to sell-out audiences with the stage version of their hit show, also inhale steam every day to stop them losing their voices.

And the highlight of their marathon tour of the country is tasting local jams.

They are going through with their ritual to make sure their characters, such as Lou and Andy, can belt out their catchphrases.

Choosy

A source said: "Matt and David have to stay fit and healthy because this tour lasts for another six months.

"The therapy for their voices might sound a bit over the top but they are very important and make sure their voices are OK."

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"They are also being very choosy about what they eat and drink. If one of them loses their voice then it would be impossible for the show to go on."

Speaking about getting hot with his co-star, Matt, 31, said: "We won't embrace the rock'n'roll lifestyle on this tour. We'll be in our hotel eating Marks & Spencer melon medley.

"The truth is you have to inhale a steamer full of boiling water every day to be longing water every day to condition."

The duo have also were in a row of the duo.



ditched a traditional tour bus in favour of travelling in cars for the gigs, which don't end until May 2006.

It means they stay in plush hotels and are able to get to bed early.
David, 34, added: "If we were in a rock'n'roll band



IN GOOD VOICE: Lou and Andy

it'd be great to have bunks

and groupies.

"But two fat comedians in their 30s aren't quite as glamorous."

The pair are back on telly next month with a host of new characters in the third series of Little Britain.

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Carol's game at Christmas

SANTA'S Christmas list will read like a Who's Who of

SANTA'S Christmas list will read like a Who's Who of celebrities this year.
Carol Vorderman, 44, who has released Touch Screen Sudoku, and 30-year-old chef Jamie Oliver's Flavour Shaker are set to be best sellers on the Amazon website. Its researchers predict the £89.99 Roboraptor will be the most popular gift under the tree this Christmas, but starendorsed products will dominate online sales.
Jamie Oliver's Italy is tipped to be massive and Trinny, 40, and Susannah, 42, should be at the top of the book charts with Look Different, Feel Different, Act Different. Amazon's Rakhi Parekh said: "Celebrity influence is spreading beyond traditional books, CDs and films."

We Save Christmas: See Page 16

ready to try out on tantric sex and ting in a new video-s show for ITV. e former Have I Got s For You star, 49,

show is to be ned this winter

Cousin of star held

FOOTBALL star Cristiano Ronaldo's cousin has been arrested over the alleged "roasting" of two girls.

The Daily Star exclusively revealed that police wanted to talk to the Portuguese man.

He is believed to have been with the Manchester United midfielder last month when the alleged sex assault took place. Ronaldo, 20, has admitted having sex with the women in his \$2,500-a-night room at London's Sanderson Hotel but says it was with their consent.

Quiz

Operation Sapphire detectives – who first exposed the practice of "roasting" among young football stars – travelled to Manchester to quiz Ronaldo's cousin yester-day.

day.

He has not been named. A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "The man, who is in his 20s, has been arrested on suspicion of rape."

Police arrested Ronaldo on October 19 after he went to a police station in south Manchester. He gave a



BAPE DENIAL: Bonaldo

DNA sample, was finger-printed and spent nine hours in custody but claims he is "totally innocent" of rape. Police are now in dis-cussion with the Crown Prosecution Service about whether to bring charges.

£26.5m swoop

THREE men have been arrested in connection with the £26.5 million robbery at the Northern Bank in Belfast last December. Two of them were named as Dominic McEvoy, 23, and Peter Morgan 24, of Kilcoo, Co Down.

The village is near to

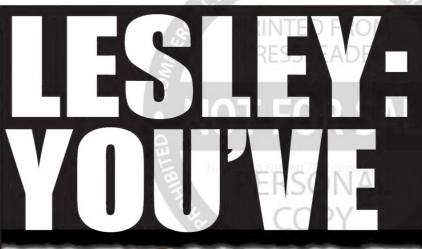
Down.
The village is near to where a bank official's wife was held hostage.
Police who swooped on the men believe the IRA was behind the robbery.

Straw's Iran rap

JACK Straw warned Iran and Syria last night to stop backing terrorism as he fears the radical states could jeopardise peace in the Middle East.

the Middle East.
His threat came in a
speech to Labour Friends
of Israel where he hit out
at Iran's President's wish to
"wipe Israel off the map".
The Foreign Secretary,
59, added: "Syria's evasive
attitude has to change or
face the consequences."

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REALITY CHECK: Lesley soon realised fame wasn't for her

tears as she returns to Mum & Dad

EXCLUSIVE

TROUBLED Big Brother star Lesley Sanderson had a tearful reunion with her desperate parents last night.

The 19-year-old thanked the Daily Star for saving her life by making her realise she

Fame

"We've a lot of talking to do and some bridges to build but they are willing to help and that means the world to me."

The ex-performing arts student applied for the show hoping it would be a ticket to fame.

She said: "It hought I could come out of Big Brother and the rest of my life would be mapped out for me. But that's not the case. "It's not easy dealing with everything that goes with it. "Not everyone is happy to see you and not everyone likes you. "Other people just want to know you because they think they are going to get something

they are going to get something out of it." Lesley was an admin assistant

for an aircraft engineering firm when she was picked out of the queue for Big Brother auditions

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Moments later she had a three-way snog with fellow contestants Anthony Hutton, 23, and Vanessa Layton-McIntosh, 20. She pledged to play the part of "a total bitch" on the show to stir up the housemates. Fellas at home loved her antics but women and teenage girls were less impressed and she was voted out after just 15 days.

in Newcastle upon Tyne. When she entered the Big Brother house it was the first time she had spent a night away from her parents' home in Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield, West Yorks.
Last night she said her life was "totally changed" by the show. "I didn't enjoy it in the house and stayed in bed for three days so I'd be as boring as possible and they'd vote me out." she said. "It was a whirlwind of showbiz parties at first. But when they dried up there was no support from Big Brother at all. "Because my parents didn't like me partying our relationship got worse and worse." Just 12 hours after she left home Lesley said she was attacked by a man she met in Leeds. She waived her right to anonymity as an alleged rape victim but cannot talk about the incident because police are investigating. A man has been questioned and released on ball.

in a rundown district of Huddersfield with four men. Meanwhile her parents contact-ed fellow housemate Derek Laud, 41, and asked him to urge her to return home

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But they feel Derek let them down and instead invited her to London to hit the party scene.
Lesley said: "I have been let down by many people, some who claimed to be my friends."

Safe

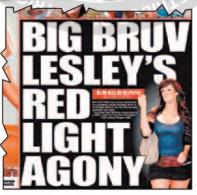
Her builder dad Paul said: "I'm just relieved she's home. We spent all night on the phone talking about everything.
"Then she asked me to go and pick her up and I didn't hesitate."

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ate. And mum Heather added: "It And mum Heather addet has been a nightmare. We just wanted her to be safe. We've got lots of talking to do and bridges to mend."

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BB MATES: Lesley with Saskia, Craig and Orlaith. Below: How we broke the story on Tuesday



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Star Wars hero's rap dance DVD

YO-YO-YODA'S in da house!

Here's the Star Wars legend taking a break from defeating the Dark Side – to throw some wicked breakdancing moves.

The Jedi master may be 900 years old but he can still rap to hip-hop tunes like the meanest homeboy. This hilarious footage is a hidden feature on the Revenge of the Sith DVD, which hit stores last week.

Cult

It didn't take fans long to find the scenes, which show Yoda getting down to The Roots' cult rap anthem Don't Say Nuthin'.

The pint-sized hero is surrounded by Stormtroopers who really dig his body-popping. It was made by Lucasfilm to mark the end of the space series. You can access the feature, known as an "easter ezg". by inserting the

feature, known as an "east-er egg", by inserting the first disc, going to the language page, highlight-ing the THX logo and pressing 1138 then enter. Dancing Yoda's just the latest easter egg feature to thrill movie fans.

thrill movie fams.

The hidden exits a - often spoof scenes, rare interviews, daft out-takes and alternative endings - have become DVD favourites.

They have featured on



■ by GARY NICKS

discs of everything from Hollywood blockbusters to telly series Bo' Selecta!
Classic easter eggs have included Tom Cruise, 43, dancing around in outtakes from Vanilla Sky, an alternative happy ending to Terminator 2 and spoof classified ads featuring the Star Wars characters including a lonely hearts ad placed by Yoda.
On the Rocky DVD there's a hilarious interview between Sylvester

Stallone, 59, as himself and

Stallone, 59, as himself and playing his boxing movie character Rocky Balboa.
Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle includes behind-the-scenes footage about equipment on the set and a look at the movie's stunts.
And on The Simpsons: The Complete Third Season there's a cool commentary track and nilarious audio out-takes.
Even Fawlty Towers Series 2 has secret footage – a feature on what became of the original hotel.

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Blunkett excuses

GOOD riddance to David

He's been forced to quit the Cabinet in disgrace for the SECOND time in less than a year.

He headed off to the political wilderness yesterday, kicking and screaming and blaming his downfall on everyone from Max Clifford to the BBC.

What an undignified exit.

The fact is Mr Blunkett was the architect of his own misfortune.

He was caught out repeatedly breaching the rules governing the financial dealings of Ministers. His departure is welcome and it

now puts the heat on Tony Blair. The Prime Minister made a colossal misjudgment in bringing

Mr Blunkett back into the Cabinet. He then made a further blunder by supporting him throughout this latest crisis.

Now that his strongest political ally has gone, maybe Tony should follow him out the door.

Get well soon Les

WE'RE proud to have helped Big Brother star Lesley Sanderson.

Earlier this week, we told how she had gone off the rails

She simply wasn't able to handle the fame and excitement that came

from appearing on the show. Lesley had blown all her money on booze and moved out of the family house into a squalid flat.

In an emotional interview with the Daily Star, her anxious parents Paul and Heather pleaded with her to come home.

Yesterday Lesley answered the call and was reunited with her mum and dad

It's understandable that this 19-vear-old's head was turned by the whirl of showbiz parties she was plunged into after BB.

Now with Heather and Paul's support, we're sure she'll get her life back on track.

Good luck!

A Brit girlie

LITTLE Britain stars Matt Lucas and David Walliams prepare for their stage show with steam and honey therapies.

They really are a pair of pampered little lay-dees!



Serious

"They enjoy a very fiery relationship which has its ups and downs – but everyone's really concerned that they might have reached a dead end this time. "If she has consulted lawyers, it is more serious than usual."

Kevin has also been unhappy at his wife confiding in her ex Justin Timberlake, 24. The friend added: "Kevin was furiously jealous when Britney admitted that she and Justin have long phone chats."

Britney's spokeswoman Lesley Sloan insisted last night that the couple's relationship was "fine".

But another friend claimed Kevin went away for a few days to give Britney some space and time with her griftiends.

Britney married Kevin after a whirlwind romance. They tied the knot in a Kabbalah-style ceremony at a private house in LA in September 2004.

Months earlier she had wed Alexander, 23, in a drunken jape in Vegas – but the marriage was annulled within two days when they admitted it was "mank."



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CHEATING Jude Law and ex Sienna Miller sparked rumours they're back together with a cosy reunion. The couple were pictured having a long lunch before heading back to Jude's north London

mansion.

And showbiz insiders said last night it is the clearest sign yet the couple are trying to rekindle

their rocky romance.
Their relationship had showbiz
tongues wagging all summer.
First Sienna, 23, dumped Jude,
32, when he cheated on her with

■ by GARY NICKS

nanny Daisy Wright, 26. The heartbroken Alfie actress then called off their wedding and walked out.

But yesterday our photographer pictured them slipping into a restaurant near Jude's Maida Vale home for lunch. Siemna was with her mum Josephine, far left, whose house she's been staying at.

A pal of the pair admitted: "If you're at each other's throats, you don't go out for lunch..."



Ray plays a

TELLY hardman Ray Winstone will play a corrupt football boss in a new Channel 4 drama exposing the seedy side of the game.

Vincent star Ray, 48, will be seen taking bungs and bribes as he gets caught-up in a web of dodgy dealings.

Ray will play manager Frankle, who is torn between loyalty towards his family and the club he loves, in the drama, called All In The Game.

Channel 4 sources claim that the one-off is a "darkly funny" drama that portrays the changing face of football.

It will be screened next year.

One Channel 4 insider said: "The Premiership is now a ruthless world where money and power have become the driving forces.

"Frankle aims to make his fortune by putting some dodgy deals the way of his agent son, Martin.

"The pressure hots up and his actions rapidly spiral into extremand immoral territory, the game is soon forgotten.

"Modern football is portrayed as "by NIGEL P ad dirty, mone there are no! Details of the pet caught be seven evealed yeste winter season being filled revealed yeste winters eason of the pet of the pet

■ by NIGEL PAULEY

a dirty, money-making machine. There are no heroes in this game." Details of the show, which is being filmed in January, were revealed yesterday at Channel 4's winter season launch.

Other highlights unveiled by channel chiefs include the return of cult Eighties show The Comic Strip Presents.

Smash

It will include original cast members Rik Mayall, 47, and Nigel Planer, 52.

The smash Us dram Desperate Housewives, starring Teri Hatcher, 40 and Eva Longoria, 30, returns for a second series early next year.

And it has also been revealed that Shameless will kick off its third series with a special featurelength episode.

There is also a controversial documentary called Gay Muslims. It will look at the struggles faced by Muslims who are homosexual.



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Sexy Jenny set for Oz trip

CELEBRITY

I'M A CELEBRITY bosses have signed up gorgeous Jenny Frost for the new series.
Former Atomic Kitten Jenny will join ex-Blue hunk Antony Costa and Emmerdale star Adele Silva in the jungle. ITV bosses are delighted to have landed Costa and his sexy girlfriend Adele for the series, which starts in three weeks. And they have added some extra glamour by getting Jenny to agree to rough it.

Gorgeous

Costa, 24, is a late signing for the series and telly chiefs are now making plans for Adele to get time off from Emmerdale to fly out to Australia and appear during the second week of the show. It would be a repeat of last year's jungle stunt when Nancy Sorrell, 30, was joined in Oz by her hubby Vic Reeves, 46, who arrived as a

arrived as a late addition. Last night a senior show source said: "We're very close to finalising our line-up for the jungle and get-ting Antony on by PETER DYKE and MARK JEFFERIES

board at this late stage is a fabulous coup for us.

"He has millions of female fans out there and he's also dating the gorgeous Adele.

"We want her to drop into the jungle if she can get time off from filming in Emmerdale.
"She'd be real eye candy for the lads. We ve also got Jenny, too.
"If she can perform like Kerry Katona, she is going to have a good chance of wimning.
"This year's show promises to be bigger and scarier than ever for the unsuspecting contestants once they set up camp and we're yery

confident that it will be another hit."
Boyband star Antony is working on his debut solo album – out next year. It's his first venture since Blue – who scored massive hits with All Rise and Guilty – split up.
Away from work, he is now living with Adele, 24, in a plush Hertfordshire house and they have just celebrated their first year together.

Massive

Curvy Adele is a regular at the Woolpack, where she plays superbitch Kelly Windsor.

Recently her storylines have seen her seducing curate Ethan Blake, played by Liam O'Brien, 25.

Jenny, 27, is carefully considering the offer, as it could give a massive boost to her solo singing career.

She has launched a modelling career since the Kittens split last year and has lined up some big-money deals.

The series, which will once again be hosted by Ant, 29, and Dec, 30, is due to start on Sunday November 20.

Stars signed up so far are Lady Thatcher's daughter Carol, 52, Food and Drink presenter Jilly Goolden, 49, former EastEnder Sid Owen, 33, Bargain Hunt host David Dickinson, 64, comics Cannon, 67, and Ball, 61, soccer legend Rodney Marsh, 60, and Rough Guide gal Magenta de Vine, 45.

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AWARD-WINNING

There's no excuse m this time.

O Tony's bitten the bullet and junked the Blunk. Frankly, he had no choice.

Blunko's behaviour has become so freakishly

be coming back to the Cabinet.

o one can work out why he ignored not one, not two, but THREE warning letters from the chairman of the Advisory Committee for Business Appointments. It's impossible to imagine how he could have failed to notice a potential conflict between the interests of a DNA testing company and his job as head of the Child Support Agency. Or how he could have thought that putting his shares in that company in trust for his eldest sons would somehow get him off the hook. When people start making decisions so alarming-

eldest sons would some-how get him off the hook. When people start making decisions so alarmingly loopy and utterly unfathomable, the time has come to relieve them of their responsibilities and, of course, their privileges. David Blunkett got a second chance. He blew it spectacularly, through a fatal cocktail of greed and arrogance. He learned nothing from his mistakes. Tony Blair learned even less from the cautionary tale of Peter Mandelson's turbo charged resurrections and humiliating falls from grace.

from grace.

How long before we witness Blunk's third coming and Sadie leads her master aboard the Brussels gravy train en route to a cushy five-star future pontificat-ing at our expense?

Blunko's behaviour has become so freakishly weird that anyone would think he'd morphed into a character from a Jack Nicholson movie. He wasn't always this bewildering. Kimberleygate we couldn't condone, but we could all understand. Undersexed minister meets sultry seductress, confuses lust with love and flips his lid. Even if we haven't all been there and done it, we know somecone who has. We didn't approve of attempting to kybosh Stephen Quim's family by impregnating his missus and putting a cuckoo in his nest, but at least we got the gist of it. Even passing free rail tickets to his mistress and fast tracking her maid's visa made some sense. Who hasn't got discounts for family, or used a bit of power and influence to impress the beloved? When Blunkett and Sadle the dog sadly walked away from the Home Office, we knew justice had been done, but most of us thought, "There but for the grace of God go I", and felt a slight ripple of compassion. Disgrace No.2 is a different matter. Quite simply, the Blunk's gone bonkers. Even his closest pals can't begin to twig what possessed him to take an iffy job for a mere two weeks, even though he knew he'd be coming back to the Cabinet. O one can work out why he ignored not game

tes is bition to e the risks



XMAS IDIOTS DRIVE US MAD

HAVE just gone head to head with Lambeth Tory Councillor Bernard Gentry on my BBC London radio show. You'll remember Lambeth - it's the borough which will be switching on the Winter Lights in case the word Christmas offends ethnic minorities.

ties.
Councillor Gentry claimed to be out-raged at the ban on Christmas, blaming a nameless "council official".

"All right," I said,
"what are you going to
do about it?"

"Bring it up at the next council meeting," said he.
"When's that?"

"When's that?"
"November 23rd."
"But that's too late.
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19th. Can't you call
an emergency meeting?"

an emergency meeting?"
"Certainly not. It will cost thousands of pounds."
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tlying in from LA to
close the BFI London
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London's Leicester
Square Odeon cinema.
And he'll later let his
hair down with us at
the Floridita restaurant. Swoon...



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Cole gets plastered

hash. he 24-year-old Arsenal star, er, hot-footed it out a night at London club Chinawhites with steely termination and a cast covering his broken.

otter.
And that's not to mention support from manish als who helped him keep an even keel.

We reckon his gorgeous flancée, Girls Aloud singer Chery! Tweedy, will worry about him eling out and about with his injury.
Chery! 22, plans to marry her hunk rank and also wants to become a mum she explained: "I have been dating blokes since was young and they say when you meet some ody you just know – and I definitely did.
"I want to do it now so I can be a young mu. I think it's lovely to settle down young and ave a family."

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United star lined up for radio slot

FOOTBALL star Rio Ferdinand is being groomed by radio bosses to take to the airwaves next year and be the next Chris Moyles.

Well, after a fashion. There IS only one Chris Moyles.

one Chris Moyles.
But the 26-year-old England defender – who makes no bones about his passion for DJing and owns record label Whitechalk Music – has high hopes of hosting his own dance show.
An insider revealed:
"Rio is exceptionally talented both on the field and off.

and off.
"And he certainly knows a top tune when he hears one."
Rio has struck up a close friendship with music maestro Tony Wilson, 55.

maestro **Tony Wilson**, 55.

And our source says he has also become acquainted with Galaxy FM's Mobo Award winning DJ **Steve Sutherland**.

Steve reckons that the footballer has a great future in the radio business.
Our insider added: "Steve is more than happy to show Rio the ropes when it comes to on-air skills." "Rio quite fancies trying to do some

"Rio quite fancies trying to do some radio stuff next year when things may

quieten down a bit for him. At the moment he is rushed off his feet with work com-mitments, but still adores music. "And there is no doubt that if he were to

try his hand at a national networked show, he'd definitely be brilliant. The ratings would rock.

"He is just so passionate and in

the know about music."
The fit fella has also recently been approached by film producers.

They are interested in signing him up for several cameo roles.

But for now, his heart is only set on football and the music business.

Love

And the Manchester United star, left, has recently been scouring the country for fresh young talent to sign to his own record label.

He said: "I definitely want to be a hands-on person.

hands-on person.

"It's very important that I become 'the face' and not just 'the name' for the young talent that I am involved with.

"I want to be there to give them as much love, help and encouragement as I can.
"If I – a black youth from Peckham – can make it, anybody can."

There's just something about Rio...



ASHLEE Simpson had a hair-raising experience during a TV interview in Tork Canada, when she promoted her latest flick

Canada, when she promoted her rates; mex-Undiscovered.
The younger sister of Dukes Of Hazzard star Jessica, 25, said she was "bowled over" after being asked to sign autographs for more than 100 fans who had braved the cold to catch a glimpse of the 21-year-old outside the Chum City TV Building. We just hope she obliged...

IN London: Will Young striding
through Soho wearing the WORST pair of
cut-off tracksuit bottoms, Radio 1 babe Edith
Bowman on Wardour Street, Strictly Come
Dancing queen Patsy Palmer looking fresh-faced
outside Bethnal Green Tube and Terry Wogan
stepping out of a black cab by the Royal
Albert Hall. In Leeds, Amy Nuttall in
the Victoria Quarter.

LEONARDO DiCaprio appears to have his sights set on a new woman just days after splitting with long-term love Gisele Bundchen, 25.

The 30-year-old Hollywood thesp was engrossed in deep conversation with socialite Paris Hitton, 24, during a night out at the Hard Rock's Simon eaterie in Las Vegas.

And onlookers said the pair seemed

very close. A fellow diner said: "Leo looked like he was in his element chatting away to Paris.
"It was as if they have both been friends for years.
"They were all smiles.
"It was almost as though Paris was trying to give him advice on his love life." Oh no..

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KATE'S DOH IN LOV

KATE Moss may have been out of rehab in Arizona only a matter of days but pals fear she's ready to give bad boy lover Pete Doherty a last chance.

One revealed she's been calling the Babyshambles frontman every day and warned: "Pete's brought nothing but trouble to her door.

"Loads of people think he's history

but the real truth is she's still com-pletely addicted to him.

"Kate's in constant contact with him and although she's happy for the world to believe the love affair's over, she won't let go."

The 31-year-old supermodel is said to be heading for the Caribbean later this week. Wonder if Pete, 26, will join her?

QUICKIE.

BRITISH babe Anna
Friel has confessed
she's aroused by arms.
When asked her fave
body part, the 29-year-old
actress revealed: 'The
forearm. Men develop
hard muscles there.'
She also said partner,
David Thewlis, 42, finds
it sexy when she slip so
a pair of stockings.
She confessed: 'I usual
ly wear tights but David is

ly wear tights but David is a stockings man."

QUICKIE...

MADONNA claims she regrets her wild antics over the years. The 47-year-old singer said: "I get freaked out by some of my haircuts and outfits, and some exboyfriends, but nothing too serious." I like to think of myself as a revolutionary."

"I like to think of myself as a revolutionary." Funny how she's speak-ing out so much now – just as she is promoting her new single Hung Up.

QUICKIE...

ACTOR Clive Owen confesses he is bossed around by his

bossed around by his nine-year-old daughter. The 40-year-old Closer star has two children, Hannah, nine, and Eve, seven, with wife Sarah-Jane Fenton, 35.
He enjoys being the only man in the house, but admits the women

but admits the women rule the roost. He said: "I'm definitely not the boss in my house."

OUICKIE

JADE Goody is in talks to start design-ing a High Street clothes range with items ranging from club wear to gym

wear.
And the 24-year-old –
who is currently starring
in her own reality TV
show Jade's Salon – hopes to market the clob

BEYONCE Knowles was true to form when she glittered at the grand venue of Cipriani Wall Street, New York, for a concert.

The 23-year-old singer, left, looked dazzling in a hand-beaded floorlength dress after arriving on the arm of her flance, rap star Jay-Z, 35, just moments after tennis star Yenus Williams, 25, right.

And Venus happily showed off her bootilicious behind as she posed for pictures in her foxy black frock before enjoying her night out. But it was Beyonce who received the biggest reaction from fellow guests as speculation in the States grows that she could soon be hearing the pitter patter of tiny tootsles.

An insider said: "The rumour that Beyonce and Jay-Z could be expecting is doing the rounds and Beyonce is really, really taking care of herself.

"Bey's pals deny she's expecting and say she and Jay will marry before having bables, but at this particular event she was being very careful with what she ate and drank and looked positively glowing.

"One thing's for sure."

ne's looking forward to being a dad.

He told us: "I think being a parent must be the hardest job in the world, but the colest."

ber at ages ranging between 12-65. We have to hand it to her for trying...

THIS top TV presenter has been banned from staying at a swanky London hotel after being so rude to staff. The wealthy woman regularly turns up drunk before demanding late night room service and coming on to the poor poppets who deliver her food. Which, we're told, isn't a pretty sight considering she strips off all her clothes and is badly in need of some Botox.

Jen's big break

JENNIFER Aniston claims her marriage break-up has helped her

career.
The 36-year-old actress, whose The 36-year-old actress, whose divorce from Brad Pitt, 41, was finalised last month, admits she used her own experience to enhance her performance in upcoming movie The Break-Up.

Jen, who is said to be dating her costar in the film Vince Vaughn, 35,

explained: "The movies that I've been a part of lately have reflected some-thing that's been happening in my life, oddly enough. That happened to

Ille, oddly enough. That happened to me on Friends, too. "Especially with the last one being The Break-Up, you have this great opportunity to channel energy into something. That just feels great and is turning something negative into a positive thing. I like that."

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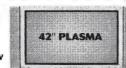
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Council chiefs in

nas lights winter lights.
Council chiefs in
Lambeth, south London,
have blamed the
"error" on a
junior official con-

■ by PAUL MALLEY

cerned about other faiths in the borough. A spokeswoman said: "It is not a council decision. Councillors are up in arms about it."

Our story yesterday prompted an avalanche of complaints from various groups, including the Church of England, the Muslim Council of Britain and politicians. Support from readers flooded into the Daily Star. One dad, Andy Christley, 31, has even set up a web-

site: www.saveourchristmas.co.uk. Andy, of Biddulph, Staffs, blasted: "Tve had enough of all this political correctness. When is it going to end?

Rapped

"I am happy with different religions mixing together, but when they start messing with my Christmas I have had enough." Dad Stephen Ruther ford, 30, of Wakefield, west Yorks., rapped the

Meridian shopping centre, Havant, Hants., for axing a grotto for being "past its sell-by date". He said: "I can't imagine a childhood without the magic of Santa." In our phone poll yesterday 76% of readers demanded controversial festive stamps should be dropped. Pictures of Hindus worshipping the baby Jesus and a black Virgin sparked a huge row but Royal Mail chiefs have refused to withdraw them.

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X FACTOR diva Brenda Edwards clashed with fellow finalist Chenai Zinyuku after branded "an oldie".

The catfight was so serious mentors Louis Walsh and Sharon Osbourne had to step in.

Last night a show

get dumped. Chenai, 19, is second favourite, with the Conway Sisters third

Last night a show spokesman said: "Things got heated, but we hope they have kissed and made up now." The fur flew inside the X Factor house when the wamabes settled down to watch a video of Saturday night's programme. programme.

During the show, Simon Cowell, 46,

■ by PETER DYKE

insisted 19-year-old Chenai's

insisted 19-year-old Chenai's performance was below par. He said that out of the three women - who include Brenda, 36, and Maria Lawson, 30 - Chenai was the weakest. Chenai - who is in Louis' category -snapped back: "Well, they are 15 years older than me!" Buxom Brenda was back-

Buxom Brenda was back stage at the time and couldn't hear the comment.

But when she saw it on the video she flipped.

Brenda – who is being looked after by Sharon – hissed: "Listen dar-ling, age has got noth-ing to do with this contest.

This show is about whether or not

This show is about whether or not you can sing."

Tearful Chenai then snapped at Brenda: "You're obviously sensitive about your age then."

The pair then began screaming at one another: and a film crew had to step in and separate the girls.

They took Chenai into garden of the mansion in Hampstead, north London, to cool down.

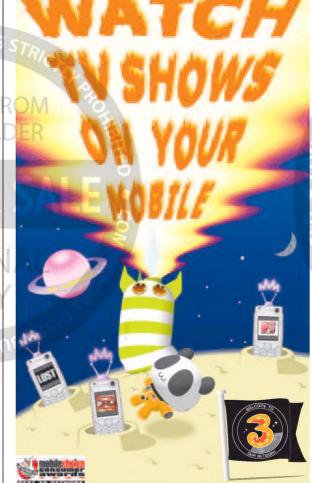
Louis and Sharon, both 53, were told about the spat and phoned the girls to order them to make their peace.

A show source added: "They were like cats screeching at one another."

The bite bust-up can be

another."

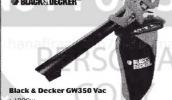
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Bringing the epic Demon Days to life live could have seen him take the biggest fall of his career on a very seen him tak public stage.

public stage.

But he didn't. The opening night of his five night run at the Manchester Opera House was a jaw-dropping triumph.

One of the most profoundly joyful gigs you're ever likely to see in fact. With a cast of some 80 musicians Gorillaz' first entirely totally live outing, as part of The Manchester International Festival, was sturming from start to finish.

While 36-year-old

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that. They squeezed onto stage, a little dazzled by the bright lights, but swiftly relaxed into some quite exemplary choral work. When rapper Bootie Brown, 35, slid on and a pair of choristers broke into a body-popping frenzy, the venue erupted. It was quite extraordinary.

Dazzling

was stumming from start to finish.
While 36-year-old Jamie Hewlett's animations flashed away on a glant video screen the main action came courtesy of the awesome band the Blur leader has recruited.
A glittering roll call of guests cropped up throughout the staggering 90-minute set.
A deafening, dubbed-out Last Living Souls kicked off the astonishing runthrough of the record.
Neneh Cherry, 32, popped

through of the record.

Neneh Cherry, 32, popped
up to add her honeyed
tonsils to Kids With Guns.
But it was the head-spinning performance of Dirty
Harry that elevated the
evening into the realms of
something truly special
indeed.

indeed.

And you've got the 30strong choir of school children from the Wythenshawe
area of the city to thank for

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THE Darkness
will introduce their
second album with a 2006
four starting in Dublin on
February 4. Justin Hawkins
30, said: "It will be great to air
the new album and new bass
player Richie Edwards, as
well as playing some of our
older classics. We're
looking forward to
it."

Ike Turner, 74, resplendent in a dazzling gold-sequinned suit, added a fearsome dose of honkey-tonk piano to Every Planet We Reach Is Dead.

Later on Shaun Ryder, 43, got a predictably warm welcome from his homeword of a rendition of DARE that threatened to bring the venerable venue crumbling around everyone.

A finale of Don't Get Lost In Heaven and Demon Days with the Manchester Community Choir was tearjerkingly beautiful too.

Glorious from start to finish, Demon Days live simply can't be missed. **CARL STROUD**

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A Spit of bother.

TEXAS star Sharleen
Spiteri was packed
away on a truck during a game of hide
and seek.
While promoting
new single Can't
Resist, the singer, 36,
hid in a trunk from
her three-year-old
daughter Misty - but
an unsuspecting roadie wheeled her off.
She was freed after
frantic shouting...

It's fame for Ozzy

OZZY Osbourne, 56, whose new album Under Cover is out on November 28, and Black Sabbath are to be be inducted into the UK Hall of Fame. This year's ceremony on November 16 will also see Bob Dylan, 64, Pink Floyd, Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Joy Division/New Order and John Peel honoured.

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GUTTED: Primark's burned out warehouse

PRIMARK bosses were trying to salvage Christmas stock last night after a massive blaze tore through its main warehouse.

trendy About half their supply of trendy clothes, shoes and accessories ordered in clothes, shoes and accessories ordered in for the busy festive season was wiped out. The discount chain, loved by celebrities such as 20-year-old Wayne Rooney's girlfriend Coleen McLoughlin, 19, telly presenter Denise Van Outen, 31, and stylish Sienna Miller, 23, was expecting a sales boom in the run-up to Christmas. Now chiefs are frantically placing massive orders with European suppliers to replace

their incinerated stock, worth a staggering £50million.

A spokesman for its parent company Associated British Foods Ple said: "Primark is insured for stock and business interruption and alternative arrangements are being made to continue the supply to UK stores."

Probe

It's estimated half of the stock in the UK is located elsewhere and is undamaged. The blaze gutted the chain's main distribution depot at Lutterworth, Leics. About 30 lorryloads of designer styles and fashion must-haves are delivered to the warehouse every day.

Seventy firefighters tackled the blaze, which spread through the steel building and a nearby office block.

No one was injured and an investigation has been launched.

Coleen recently discovered the delights of the bargain store, saying: "I love designer gear – but that's no reason not to pick up a bargain."

Fashion designer to the stars Jessica Ogden, 35, has had her latest collection stolen on its way to Selfridges to be flooged on eBay.

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